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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COPENENCY

Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated September 9, 2003. The fee due for the extension of time is \$950.00.

A continuation application of the subject application is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for Three-Month Extension of Time Fee.

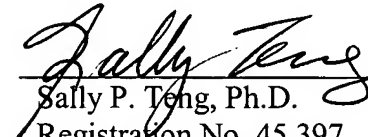
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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